

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 9 are pending. By this amendment, claim 1 is canceled and claim 9 is amended. Claims 2-8 have been found allowable in the Action dated Sept. 30, 2008. Claims 1 and 9 are rejected.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prause (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,780). This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to facilitate prosecution of this application, claim 1 is canceled herewith. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prause (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,780) in view of Leichtfried et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,090,227). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Neither Prause nor Leichtfried teach the tungsten-based sintered materials as recited in any one of presently allowed claims 2 – 8. Claim 9 is amended herein and depends from claims 2 – 8. Thus, the hot press mold for optical glass lenses composed at least partly of the tungsten-based sintered material as recited in any one of claims 2 – 8 is not obvious over Prause in view of Leichtfried since these references do teach each element of the claim. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration on the merits and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. In the event any questions arise regarding this communication or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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